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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 14, 2011

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Golf Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Community Recognition Santa Barbara Master Gardeners

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize the Santa Barbara Master Gardeners for their installation and maintenance of the Santa Barbara Golf Club Butterfly Garden.

DISCUSSION:

In September 2011, Lynn Kirby, Master Gardener and avid golfer, contacted Santa Barbara Golf Club with a proposal to plant and maintain a butterfly garden on the 11th hole tee box. After several discussions with the Golf Course Manager, Ms. Kirby finalized design plans and selected a variety of native plants that naturally attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Some of the native plants that can be found in the butterfly garden are: White and Purple Lantana, Mexican Sage, Sweet Pea shrub, and Lavender. Not more than five minutes after installation was complete, hummingbirds and butterflies began to descend on the garden, as Ms. Kirby had assured us they would. The public's reaction to the garden has been so overwhelmingly positive; we have decided to add more butterfly gardens throughout the golf course in the spring. If it were not for the vision and support of the Santa Barbara Master Gardener program this wonderful addition to Santa Barbara Golf Club could not have happened.

The Santa Barbara Golf Club would like to thank Master Gardeners; Lynn Kirby, Martee Andresen, Bruce Dodds, and John Shute for their hard work and dedication, for without it, this beautiful garden would not exist.

SUBMITTED BY: Mark Reed, Golf Course Manager

APPROVED BY: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director